



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1047

LCO No. 4489



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BOROUGH OF FENWICK
WITHIN THE TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of number 271 of the special acts of 1899, as
2 amended by section 11 of number 23 of the special acts of 2013, is
3 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

4 That [all of] the electors [of this state, who own real estate located in
5 and who have been domiciled for two months during the year last past
6 in the town of Old Saybrook and within] described in section 2 of this
7 act in relation to the territory included within the following limits, to
8 wit: Bounded north by the South Cove, so called; east by Connecticut
9 River; south by Long Island sound; and west by the east line of land of
10 Daniel C. Spencer, said east line running about south from said South
11 Cove to Long Island sound, the territory comprised within said
12 boundaries being situated on the peninsula of Lynde's Point, and
13 known as New Saybrook and so designated on a map thereof on file in
14 the office of the town clerk of Old Saybrook; are hereby declared to be,
15 and shall forever continue to be, a body politic and corporate within

16 said town of Old Saybrook, by the name of the borough of Fenwick;
17 and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual
18 succession, and shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being
19 sued, pleading and being impleaded in all courts of whatsoever
20 nature; and also of purchasing, holding, and conveying any estate, real
21 or personal; and shall have a common seal and may change and alter
22 the same at pleasure.

23 Sec. 2. Section 2 of number 271 of the special acts of 1899 is amended
24 to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

25 [All of the electors aforesaid, domiciled within said limits for two
26 months during the year last past, and owners of real estate located
27 within said limits, and all] Electors of the borough of Fenwick shall
28 include (1) all electors of the town of Old Saybrook who actually reside
29 within the limits of the said borough, [shall be freemen at the first
30 election of officers under this act and for the year next ensuing; and
31 every elector of this state who shall thereafter have been domiciled
32 within the limits of said borough for a period of two months during
33 any year and who shall have owned real estate located in said borough
34 during said time shall be a freeman of said borough for the year during
35 which he has so owned real estate and been so domiciled for two
36 months and for the year ensuing and all electors of the town of Old
37 Saybrook who actually reside within the limits of said borough shall
38 also be freemen of said borough] (2) every citizen of the United States
39 of the age of eighteen years or more who is liable to the borough for
40 taxes assessed against him on an assessment of not less than one
41 thousand dollars on the last-completed grand list used in connection
42 with the assessment of taxes by the borough, or who would be so liable
43 if not entitled to a statutory exemption, and (3) any person, as defined
44 in section 1-1 of the general statutes, who is designated as the official
45 representative of any trust or other entity, existing under the laws of
46 the United States or any other state thereof, which is liable to the
47 borough for taxes assessed against it on an assessment of not less than
48 one thousand dollars on the last-completed grand list used in

49 connection with the assessment of taxes by the borough, or who would
 50 be so liable if not entitled to a statutory exemption, provided that no
 51 such person may cast multiple votes by virtue of otherwise being an
 52 elector. Any [freeman] elector of said borough who votes in the said
 53 borough under the provisions of this act, but whose permanent
 54 residence is not within the limits of the town of Old Saybrook, may
 55 vote at all elections in any town in this state where he permanently
 56 resides, and the fact that any person is registered as [a voter] an elector
 57 in the borough of Fenwick shall not deprive him of the right to register
 58 and vote in any town in this state where he has a permanent residence.

59 Sec. 3. Section 3 of number 271 of the special acts of 1899, as
 60 amended by section 1 of number 256 of the special acts of 1943, section
 61 1 of number 325 of the special acts of 1951 and number 28 of the special
 62 acts of 1957, is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

63 A meeting of the [legal voters] electors of said borough of Fenwick
 64 shall be held on the first Saturday of July in the year 1957, and
 65 biennially thereafter, for the election from their numbers by a plurality
 66 of votes of a warden, six burgesses, a clerk, a treasurer and a collector.
 67 All of said officers of said borough shall be sworn faithfully to perform
 68 the duties of their several offices, and shall hold office until the next
 69 meeting and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead.
 70 Notice of any meeting shall be signed by the warden or any three
 71 burgesses, and shall designate the time and place of such meeting, the
 72 officers to be elected, and other business to be transacted thereat; and
 73 such notice shall be posted at least five days before the date of such
 74 meeting on the public signpost in said borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Number 271 of the special acts of 1899, Sec. 1

Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Number 271 of the special acts of 1899, Sec. 2
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Number 271 of the special acts of 1899, Sec. 3

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the charter of the borough of Fenwick to broaden the definition of electors who are able to vote and hold office in said borough.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]